

OMAHA ELKS WILL HONOR THEIR DEAD

Memorial Services to Be Held This Morning at Orpheum Theater by Local Order.

MATTHEW GERING THE SPEAKER

Omaha Elks will hold their annual memorial services this morning at 10:30 at the Orpheum theater when they will honor the twenty-three members of the order who have died during the last year. This is the greatest number of any year since the chapter was secured for Omaha. About one-half of those who died joined the lodge prior to 1900.

The ritual will be conducted by Raymond G. Young, exalted ruler, and other officers of the order. The principal speaker will be Matthew Gering of Plattsmouth. Following is the program:

PART I.
Prayer—The Association.
Henry Cox and Members of the Omaha String Orchestra.
Exalted Ruler and Officers of Lodge.
Opening Ode.

Invocation.
Acting Chaplain Lyle T. Abbott.
Reading the Burial of the Order.
Omaha Elks' Glee Club.
God Shall Wipe Away All Tears.
Devotional.
Thematopais.

PART II.
Interlude—In Memoriam.
Henry Cox and Members of the Omaha String Orchestra.
Not Ashamed of Christ.
Grace Poole.

Address.
Matthew Gering, Plattsmouth, Mo.
Elegy Dedicated to Omaha Lodge of Elks.
Cecil W. Berryman.
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Teach Me to Pray.
Mrs. Turner and Miss Poole.
Closing ceremonies.
Exalted Ruler and Officers of Lodge.
Devotional.
Brothers and Audience.

Great Good is Done by Fund Raised by Sale of Xmas Seals

Never before have so many questions, why and what, put to Mrs. K. R. J. Edholm, state agent for the Red Cross Christmas seal, as have come to her this year.

Mrs. Edholm now puts these questions to the public:

Do you know that Red Cross Christmas seals sell for 1 cent each?

Do you know that \$1,200 from the sale of the Red Cross Christmas seals in Omaha in the last few years has been used by the visiting nurses' association in their work with tuberculosis cases?

Do you know that \$5 from the sale of last season's Christmas seals was the first money to be used toward the penny soup lunch at the train school?

Do you know that bubbling fountains have been placed in scores of small towns throughout the state by the sale of the Red Cross Christmas seals?

Do you know that Red Cross seals buy pure clean milk for the pre-tubercular children?

Do you know that the Red Cross Christmas seal has provided many a person afflicted with tuberculosis with a window sleeping tent?

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ORATOR AT ELKS' MEMORIAL SERVICES TODAY.



CRUEL HORRORS OF WAR

Scenes and Incidents of Battle of Champagne Described in Letters and in Diaries of Soldiers.

MEN OF RANKS CRY FOR PEACE

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
PARIS, Nov. 10.—Letters written by German soldiers during the battle of Champagne, round on prisoners and dead, throw some light on the spirit of the troops.

The battle front has disappeared in a cloud of smoke, wrote one. "Nothing can be seen, for the French artillery fires almost as rapidly as the infantry. One armored shelter was crushed in and not one of the sixteen occupants escaped. Men are falling like flies and the trenches are nothing but debris."

"Shells are simply raining upon us," another wrote. "If the end were only near! This is the cry everyone should raise. 'Peace! peace!'"

"Cruel hours!" a captain noted in his diary. "It is as if the earth were crumbling up. Our losses are very heavy. One company of 250 men had sixty killed last night and a battery close by lost sixteen dead. A shelter five yards deep, protected by two rows of logs and two and a half yards of earth, was caved in as if it were only a match; that's a specimen of the force of the French shells."

"Many of our men are useless" wrote the captain of the Twenty-fourth infantry in a report intended for his superior officer. "We must have reinforcements at once. Our men are dying of fatigue, privation and loss of sleep."

Nothing to eat, heavy losses," noted another. "The French haven't ceased firing since the morning of October 21st. It has gone on six hours; how long will it last? Every spot of our position is so bombarded that it is next to impossible for human beings to hold out any longer."

"Six of our men were killed by shells yesterday morning," wrote a captain. "Our trench has been nearly leveled. The Eleventh battalion has suffered heavily."

How the reinforcements were rushed up is revealed by another officer. "We were crowded into autos," he wrote, "and rushed madly from Vouziers to Tahure. After two hours rest in the rain and six hours march to our position under constant shell-fire, we reached the trench, losing fifty-six of 280 men of the 113th company by the way. We never 113 hours without food in a trench not two feet deep. Hell couldn't be worse. Six hundred more men just arrived; they will only replace the killed and wounded of the last few days."

Surprise and demoralization of the German first line troops by sustained artillery fire have both been given as explanations of the considerable number of prisoners taken. Orders of German commanders that fell into the hands of the French indicate that the attack was not a surprise and there has been a natural reluctance to believe that German organization and discipline were in default.

Information obtained by the Associated Press from eye-witnesses of the operations is to the effect that the German counter-attacks were neither spirited nor well planned.

Confusion in Ranks.

If the attack was no surprise the force of it was a revelation; it appears to have thrown a certain confusion into the German ranks, resulting in precipitate and almost disorderly engagements of reserves. The men seemed both exhausted and demoralized—incapable of properly undertaking a general counter-attack. Overconfidence in the solidity in the first line trenches seemed to be general among the officers, for many of them were found in bed at Trou-Briquet a half hour after the attack began. They were ignorant of the capture of the first line of trenches because the telephone wires had been ruptured.

In the counter-attacks divisions were broken up and scattered, regiments even were divided, battalions sent to right and left in absolute contradiction of the German plan of organization. There were engaged between the Maison de Champagne and 120 Hill thirty-two battalions belonging to twenty-one different regiments.

What acted most on the nerves of the German troops, according to information brought out by questioning prisoners, was the continuity of the French artillery fire, the weakness of their own reply, the extent of their losses, lack of food for several days and thirst. They surrendered in sections in many instances and in whole companies in some. All acknowledged they were tired of the struggle.

A fact that is regarded as significant is that the reinforcements the Germans sent up during the battle were mostly of the contingent of 1915 previously held in reserve at their bases. The conclusion drawn by some military critics is that Germany is nearing the day when she will no longer be able to maintain her present force on all her lines.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Dr. F. H. Miller, superintendent of the Union Pacific building, has recovered from his recent illness and is again able to look after his duties.

Apartment, flats, houses and cottages can be rented quickly and cheaply by a Bee "For Rent."

Good for Sick Headaches.

Constitution causes sick headaches.

Dr. King's New Life Pills will cure it.

Take a dose tonight. See. All druggists.

Advertisement.

Gathering Coins to Help Clothe and Feed the Poor and Hungry in Omaha

Santa Claus' life is no easy one. Particularly hard is the life of those ten Santa Clauses who have taken their positions on the streets beside their chimneys to gather money for the Volunteers of America Christmas dinners and clothing for the poor.

All day long to stand in the cold, ringing a bell and gathering coins from those who have more than they need, to give to those who have naught—it is no easy life.

But are these Santa Clauses sad? Ha, ha, sad, you say? Why they're the happiest old codgers. Stop and talk to them and they're all cheerful. There may be icicles in their whiskers and their feet may be numb, but they're happy, for they're working to feed and clothe hungry and shivering children and mothers and old people.

On sixteenth street, between Douglas and Dodge streets, Arthur L. Kymball stands beside his chimney in his red coat bordered with white fur and rings his bell to attract the passing throng.

Mr. Kymball needs no artificial whiskers, for he has a set of gray ones, all his own. "I am the original Santa Claus," he says proudly. "I've been a Santa Claus for sixteen years."

This Santa is right on the job, for he doesn't stop ringing his bell even to talk. "Yes, you must all kinds of folks," he continued. "Sometimes a little newsboy will come up and drop in a cent, and then again, a man once came up and stuck in a \$5 bill. It all helps to feed the hungry that couldn't have anything if we didn't raise this money and buy things for 'em."

The spirit of this veteran, "original" Santa Claus runs through the ranks of all the Santas stationed about the holiday-thronged streets. It's a part of the spirit of Christmas.

"Who gives of himself with his gift feeds three. Himself, his hungry neighbor and me."

TROUBLE FOR THE AMERICANS

Travelers in the European Nations at War Frequently Arrested as Being Spies.

ENCOUNTER MANY DIFFICULTIES

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 3.—Difficulties for Americans traveling on the continent are increasing. Walter Morse Rummel, the American composer and pianist who has been living for many years in Paris, and his wife, formerly Therese Chaigneau, a French pianist, were arrested at Dieppe recently, suspected of being spies.

They were returning home from London where professional engagements called them. They had submitted their papers to the French consulate general in London and had received a safe-conduct to Paris. They had an American passport and a personal letter from Mr. Thackeray, the general manager. They were searched after their arrest at Dieppe. Although nothing suspicious was found they were detained in a hotel overnight.

The next morning Rummel was taken by gendarmes through the streets, followed by children calling out that he was a German. Both he and his wife were locked up in prison until the next morning. Rummel's cell companions were two persons accused of theft.

Mr. and Mrs. Rummel were transferred by train to Rouen, imprisoned there in cells, the floors of which were covered with filth and the walls with obscene drawings. They were there six hours before being able to buy a piece of stale bread and a piece of cheese. Rummel's fellow prisoner was an Apache who confided to him that he had just stabbed a woman. Rummel had at every stage of his experience explained who he was and demanded that the authorities should inquire at the American embassy in Paris. Luckily he had been able to send a telegram to the consul general in Paris before being interned. He and his wife were released therefore after forty-eight hours detention altogether, upon representations of the American consul in Rouen.

Mr. Rummel's father and grandfather were British. His mother was the daughter of B. F. B. Moore, the inventor of the typewriter. Rummel happened to have been born in Berlin during a period when his father was there on business. He was registered as British-born at the British consulate. His parents went to America when he was three years old. After the death of his father his mother resumed American citizenship. Young Rummel was entitled to take his mother's nationality and did so. The circumstance that he was born in Berlin appears to have drawn upon him the suspicion that he was German.

The American embassy has gone fully into the affair and has made representations to the foreign office upon the indignities Mr. and Mrs. Rummel suffered. They have spent most of their time since the war began in hospital and other charitable work in France, particularly in organizing funds for musicians.

NOT A YOUNG GOVERNMENT

United States Classified as One of the Oldest Nations in the World.

The United States of America is one of the oldest nations on earth. With the exception of England and Russia it is, as an existing nation, older than any country in Europe. And alone in the Western world it has stood for the last 125 years with an unchanged government.

Its boundaries have expanded and its constitution has been amended and it has gone through civil war, but the United States is "ruled" today as it was ruled in 1789, and is the only western nation that is.

The constitution of the United States of America was adopted in the year the French revolution began. Since 1789 Europe has been remade. Among the nations four stand out as "ancient"—England, Russia, Denmark and Spain. Yet in the last century and a quarter these countries have lived through governmental changes that show beside the stability of the United States rule as exceedingly significant "shifts."

The changes that have taken place in the English regime are the most interesting, because they are the best known to the world at large. It is inevitable with us all that the mention of an "ancient nation," a "stable government," the "oldest country on earth" should bring the thought of England to our minds.

But the government of England, as we know it today, dates its beginning from the year 1532. That is the date of the passage of the first reform bill.

TO VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA WILL GIVE HUNDREDS BASKETS OF FOOD TO THE POOR—OMAHA CHRISTMAS DAY PLEASE HELP



These bills—the first in 1532, the second in 1567 and the last in 1834—shifted the government of England from Lords to Commons, from nobles and men of great property to the people themselves, changed the "limitation" of England's monarchy from a feudal to a popular right. Without revolution the government of the country was effectively revolutionized.

The striking evolution which began in 1532 with the granting of the ballot to the merchants and men of small property in the realm, moved on its final step in the Parliament bill of 1832, which took away all but "suspensive veto power" from the House of Lords and left the Commons rulers of England.

France began its revolution as all the world knows, in 1789. Since then it has had two empires, three kinds of kingdoms and three republics; it has executed one king and deposed two others, and it has forced each of its two emperors to abdicate. Since the final formation of the third French republic its cabinet has been changed very nearly on an average of once a year.

Out of the Franco-Prussian war grew, as every one knows, the present German empire. In 1789 there still existed in central Europe that "Holy Roman Empire," which was, as Mr. Bryce has pointed out, "neither holy nor Roman, nor an empire." It consisted at that time of between 350 and 400 separate and practically independent states—Philadelphia Ledger.

Some members say that the fund must be kept going and devoted to the extension of Chinese industries. Ma Tsau-son recently printed a letter in all the Chinese papers saying that the fund was started with a good object, which has been defeated by the recent upheaval in politics and that the money given to the fund must be returned to the donors. He also says that he will take legal steps, if necessary, to protect contributors.

Yu Ya-ching, the chairman of the committee, which is handling the fund, and Ma Tsau-son have had much correspondence concerning the matter, most of which has been published. The chairman is seeking delay for further consideration of the demands made by subscribers, who gave their money to help to strengthen the republic and have no sympathy with the movement to re-establish the monarchy.

Press of China Is Charging Misuse Of Salvation Fund

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
SHANGHAI, Nov. 30.—Charges and counter-charges are made daily in the Chinese press concerning the use of the Salvation fund, which was started at the height of the boycott against the Japanese, in an effort to provide money for the strengthening of China. There have been many statements made as to the sums subscribed. The promoter, Ma Tsau-son, set \$50,000 as the goal which the fund should reach within six months. Some of the contributors understood that their funds were to be returned if this goal were not reached in the specified time.

With the appearance of the monarchical movement, contributions slumped and disgruntled contributors demanded their money back, saying that they did not care to continue their support of the fund on deposit in government banks.

No exact statement has been made as to the exact amount of money contributed, although it is generally reported that at least \$5,000,000 Mexican, were actually paid in. Some large subscribers refused to pay contributions, when it became clear that the monarchy is to be re-established.

There is difference of opinion as to what disposition shall be made of it.

A Man May Eat Any Meal

And Digest It Easily If He Will But Try.

FREE DIGESTIVE TABLETS.

Don't be afraid of your meals. The reason you have dyspepsia is that something is lacking in your digestive apparatus necessary to the stomach's work. A perfect stomach loves to work. Perfect digestion is not afraid of any meal and benefits by its consumption of food the whole machine of man.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets make easy the work of digestion, because they combine active fruit and vegetable essences which are needed by the stomach.

These essences are so powerful they digest food without aid from the stomach. They have done this with a meal encased in a glass tube.

We will send a trial package to any one free for his name and address. Eat what you will or when you will then take a Stuart Dyspepsia Tablet and see how you will digest that meal. In a short time your stomach will have a natural supply of gastric juices and your whole system will be able to take care of digestion easily.

Ask any druggist about Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. His answer will tell more than we can say. Ask him how they sell. If you want to buy them give him \$10. But if you want to test them write us and you will receive a trial package by mail without cost. Address F. A. Stuart Co., 115 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

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WE can't produce "Silvertown" Tires as fast as the Market now calls for them.

This is because the intricate Machinery required in the spinning of the two Cable-Cords—their percolation under enormous pressure with Hyper-Rubber, the cross laying of the two layers of Cable-Cord over each other so as to secure precisely the same tension on each strand—all the special Machinery for this had not only to be made, but invented.

Owing to demands upon the facilities of every big Machine Shop in America, at present, for War-Materials, we are unable yet to have these newly invented Silvertown Machines built in large enough quantities to make more than one "Silvertown" Tire for every four the Country now clamors for.

THIS Advt. is therefore chiefly intended as an Explanation to Consumers and Dealers, who want "Silvertowns" and can't yet obtain them.

It is also intended to help the situation by putting out a new Goodrich Fabric Tire with the same BLACK Rubber Tread as has distinguished Silvertown Tires.

The appearance is almost identical with that of the "ARISTOCRATIC" Silvertowns, and the material used in the Treads, is practically the same.

No increase in the price of Goodrich Tires will be made because of that smart Black Tread distinctiveness, and "Silvertown" expression.

This, in accord with the fixed policy of the B. F. Goodrich Co. (which pioneered practically every big improvement in Rubber, or Tire Manufacture, during the past decade)—viz: to give Maximum Value to Consumers first of all, and then trust to resulting Volume for satisfactory dividends.

IT is now more than 20 years since the B. F. Goodrich Co. brought out the first "Cord Tire" (for Bicycles) viz:—the Palmer Cord Tire.

And it is many years since it first brought out the original Silvertown Cord Tire,—(the only genuine "Cord" Tire for Automobiles).

That it practically withdrew the first genuine "Cord" Auto Tire from the Market, until the "Silvertown" PRINCIPLE had been brought up to the Goodrich STANDARD of Mileage, Safety, and Value to Consumers, is a matter which concerns your CONFIDENCE in all Goodrich Products and Promises.

Please note that Goodrich Tires henceforth—the Fabric construction as well as the Cord "Silvertowns"—will have handsome BLACK Treads.

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